



Search "Santiam Flycasters"

# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

SANTIAMFLYCASTERS.COM

September 2025

## September 2025 SFC Meeting

### Stillwater Strategies: Mastering Lakes as an Intermediate Stillwater Angler with Garrett Lesko



In this next iteration of Stillwater Strategies from Garrett Lesko we will be diving into how you can master stillwaters as you develop your skills. In the last presentation Garrett spoke about the basics like; where fish are in a stillwater, what they feed on, what makes some lakes more productive, and much more.

In this presentation, Garrett will be going over the

changing environment that anglers face while on the water and how to effectively adapt to those factors.

What separates great anglers from good ones? It is how they adapt to changes on the water. Learn how Garrett adapts to common factors that all stillwater anglers experience out on the water.

For more information about Garrett, check out his website [oregonflytying.com](http://oregonflytying.com) along with numerous postings on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.



### Board Meeting - By Zoom

September 8 - 6:30 pm

SFC Meeting

September 11 - 7:00 pm

Scottish Rite Center

4090 Commercial St. SE,  
Salem

#### In This Issue

- President's Corner by Beth Jappay
- SFC Officers and Board Members
- 2025 List of Remaining Outings
- South Santiam Outing Report by Bill Steen
- Willamette River Outing Smallmouth Bass Outing Report by Tim Johnson
- Welcome New Member in August
- August Picnic and Casting Clinic Report by Beth Jappay
- September 6 Diamond Lake Outing
- September 13 Walton Lake Outing
- September 20 Hosmer Lake Outing
- Nehalem River Outing - Cancelled
- October 4 Crooked River Outing
- Chef Mort's Corner: The Hundred-Forty-Seven Dollar Cup of Chowder
- Saturday Fly Casting Instruction
- September Fly of the Month - "Hippie Stomper" by John Barratt

**Santiam Flycasters****BOARD AND OFFICERS****Beth Jappay - President/  
FFI Representative****Steve Morton - Vice  
President/Programs****Bill Steen - Secretary****Tim Johnson -  
Treasurer/Membership****Board Members****Matt Neznanski -  
Webmaster****Leroy Shepherd -  
Newsletter Editor****Bob LeClerc - Head  
Lead PHWFF****Shandy H. Danford****Kevin Finkenbiner****Brian Hoag****Ricky Love****Scott Vaslev****President's Corner  
By Beth Jappay**

If my favorite month to fly fish is June, my second-favorite month is September. Water temperatures are dropping, increasing options for trout fishing in particular. Though I prefer stillwater fishing, this is the time of year I start thinking about targeting sea run cutthroat. I initially learned about sea run cutthroat shortly after joining this club. Fascinated, I dedicated the fall of one year to "figuring out" this fishery. Of course I had to do this in a methodical manner.



1. I drove to a fly shop and after questioning the staff I bought a book, obtaining the contact information of the author (Jay Nicholas).
2. I had a long phone conversation with the author, later exchanging emails.
3. I dedicated every weekend of September and October to fishing the Little Nestucca, drifting with the tide and determining where and when the fish hang out, as well as the best flies and retrieval techniques.

In my opinion when sea run cutthroat are fresh from the ocean they are pound for pound the hardest fighting of the trout species. They also frequently jump while they are fighting, sometimes to impressive heights. During my most memorable battle I saw a 14" fish jump over 6 feet several times.

The best place to catch a fish still fresh from the ocean is in an estuary, where they accumulate and hang out until there is enough rain and water flow to head upstream to spawn. Fishing an estuary is tricky though, as you have to factor in the tide times and strengths. I have written about this fishery twice so far...the links are below. If you decide to give it a try and want further information, feel free to email me at [EJappay@comcast.net](mailto:EJappay@comcast.net).

Other than sea run cutthroat, I am looking forward to fishing local Oregon Fishing Club lakes again as the Callibaetis will start hatching again with trout concentrated on calorie intake in preparation for winter.

As far as river fishing goes, watch for October caddis, Little Brown and Little Black Stoneflies, as well as summer steelhead.

[Here is my first sea run article.](#)

[Here is the second.](#)

## 2025 Outings-Santiam Flycasters

Here is the list of the remaining fly fishing outings our club has planned for 2025. The list includes opportunities to catch trout in streams and still waters, as well as opportunities for steelhead, chum salmon, and small mouth bass.

Most waters are best fished from a floating device (float tube, pontoon boat, or other boat). In the newsletter article for the outing, we will say if there are opportunities for bank access at that location. If you do not yet own a floating device but want to participate in the outing, let us know and we should be able to have someone lend you a device for the outing.

Obviously, when we are on or around the water, there is an element of risk. Please be aware of the disclaimer also in this newsletter. Also, please use a personal flotation device (PFD).

- September 6 - Diamond Lake
- September 13 - Walton Lake
- September 20 - Hosmer Lake
- September 27 - Nehalem River CANCELLED
- ★  October 4 - Crooked River
- October 11 - North Santiam River
- Open window for Chum on the Kilchis River
- October 18 - Deschutes River Warm Springs to Trout Creek
- October 25 - Marshall Island to Harrisburg
- November 8 - Mckenzie River
- November 15 - Detroit Reservoir
- ★ Joint outing with Linn Benton Fly Fishers

### SFC Outing Disclaimer

*Santiam Flycasters does not represent that any of these trips are suitable for any of its members. Each stream, river and lake present its own unique hazards and dangers. Each member must evaluate the suitability of his or her own physical condition, equipment and skills before participating in any of these trips. Each member that chooses to go on any of these trips personally assumes all risks of injury and damage while participating*



Support our local Fly Shop  
located at 204 1st Ave. W.  
in Albany, Oregon.

Check out the shop at  
<https://www.tworiversflyshop.biz/>

### South Santiam Outing Report by Bill Steen



There were five SFC members that took part in this outing on August 2 -- Bill Haskins, Greg Long, Bob LeClerc, Brian Hoag and Bill Steen.

It was a beautiful day for a float and fish. After having a group conversation about various features of the river to be aware of, we headed down the river. This was Greg's first-time rowing/floating a river on his own so Brian took Greg under his wing and was instrumental in helping Greg navigate the river. Hopefully, Greg's willingness to try something for the first time will encourage other members to join knowing they will be in safe hands.



Most of us fished euro style and/or dry dropper. The fishing was good for some albeit the fish were mostly on the small size with the occasional larger native cutthroat trout. Once again, a big thanks to Ken Karnosh for volunteering help with the shuttle as he makes it easy for the rest of us.



## ***Willamette Smallmouth Outing Report***

### ***By Tim Johnson***



Despite a weather warning of extreme heat, 10 members braved the warning and took part in the outing. We effectively got everyone's vehicles shuttled to the takeout and began the float by a little after 8:00 am, with a temperature of a comfortable 66°. However, the temperature gradually rose to the low 90s by noon. Surprisingly, thanks to a decent cloud cover and a steady breeze, the float remained pleasant despite the eventual high air temperature.

Everyone I spoke to reported catching fish in double-digit numbers. I personally hooked 16 fish and managed to land 14. All but one of the fish I caught were Smallmouth Bass, ranging in size from 10 to 15 inches. There were also reports of a few larger bass. Rich Swartzentruber aptly summarized the day, saying, "The fishing wasn't quite as hot as the temperature, but it was pretty good."

Many thanks to Ken Karnosh and Dave Looney for their help with the shuttle.



***Welcome This New Member in August***  
***Paige Plattner, Salem***

## ***Report on the August Picnic and Casting Clinic***

Though the attendance was lighter than last year, the food and fly casting instruction were just as top-notch. The evening started off with Mort making smash burgers on a gas griddle. I particularly liked the deeply caramelized onions that went along with them. For those of you who asked about the corn on the cob I personally provided, the secret was very fresh corn only briefly boiled, the Irish butter I drenched them in, and Lawry's Season Salt.

The casting portion of the evening was taught by the Rivers West Casting Club. After eating we moved to the soccer field where Dwight led a well-attended group casting clinic, though I took aside the two lady casters for more personalized instruction. We all worked hard for about a full hour and hopefully most improved their technique.

**Reminder:** for those of you who are interested in improving their fly casting, free instruction is available every Saturday at the gravel bar at Wallace Marine Park in West Salem:

9am – Two-handed (spey) casting

10am – Single-hand casting

---

## ***September 6 Diamond Lake Outing***

On September 6, we will fish Diamond Lake. We will camp at the south end of Diamond Lake Campground, preferably between sites G-23 or M-17, so we are close to good fishing areas. Campsites after Labor Day are first come first served.

To get there, the easiest route is to drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over Willamette Pass, merge south onto Highway 97 for about 18 miles, turn right (west) onto Highway 138 for about 22 miles, and turn left into Diamond Lake Campground. Another option is to drive south on I-5 to Roseburg and drive the scenic North Umpqua (Highway 138) to Diamond Lake.

Either a boat or pontoon boat is best to fish Diamond Lake, but a float tube will also work for fishing from camp or the south boat ramp. Suggested equipment is a 5-6 weight rods with intermediate (type 2) line. Flies include Rickard's Stillwater Nymph or Diamond Lake Special and woolly buggers/leeches, Carey Specials, callibaetis (like pheasant tails), and chironomids and balanced leeches. There could be some surface action also.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring your own food and firewood if you have some.

The Outing Sponsor is Scott Vaslev. He can be reached at [scottyo@aol.com](mailto:scottyo@aol.com) before September 2. After that he will be camping near the pizza restaurant, but plans to leave before the weekend. You may check with him if you arrive earlier in the week.

---

## ***September 13 Walton Lake Outing***

On September 13, we will fish Walton Lake east of Prineville. Hopefully, there should be plenty of trout left of the 750 trophies that ODFW usually stocks around the time of our outing. The lake has shoreline access, but a floating device provides the best opportunity for success.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east, turn left onto Highway 126 just past Sisters, follow it through Redmond and Prineville (where it merges with Highway 26), drive Highway 26 for 16 miles east of Prineville, turn right onto County Road 23 for 9 miles, turn left onto USFS Road 22 for 7 miles to the turnoff to Walton Lake.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or floating line. Flies include the normal Stillwater selection of woolly buggers/leeches, etc. plus chironomids/blood worms, etc. which are normally very productive,

including chartreuse chironomids and buggers. There may also be some surface action in the evening.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring food and beverages, and fire wood if you have some.

The outing sponsor is Herb Harry. He can be reached at [herbharry@icloud.com](mailto:herbharry@icloud.com) for any questions. He plans on fishing the lake earlier in the week and should provide a good update prior to the trip.

---

## ***September 20 Hosmer Lake Outing***

On September 20, we will fish Hosmer Lake, a very beautiful and scenic lake with plenty of birdlife and usually good fishing.

To get to Hosmer, you can drive Highway 22 to Bend and then to Hosmer on the Cascade Lakes Highway. It is probably faster to drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn left onto the Crescent Cutoff (USFS Road 61) for about 3 miles, turn left onto USFS Road 46, and drive about 35 miles to Hosmer Lake Road on the east side of Road 46.

You will need a floating device to fish Hosmer. Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating and/or intermediate (type 2) line. Flies include damselfly, woolly buggers/leeches, callibaetis, and soft hackles. Bring some chironomids and balanced leeches to fish if you tire of casting or kicking. There may also be some surface action on traveling sedges or caddis in the evening. A lot of fishing is in the main lake (with boat ramp from South Campground), but some members prefer to fish the upper lake (access from Mallard Marsh campground or the channel from the main lake). If the weather is pleasant, canoers and paddleboarders will also be using the channel and upper lake but they are normally respectful to those flyfishing.

The club will provide protein for the meal and members are encouraged to bring side dishes. Last year it was very chilly at night and early in the morning so plan accordingly. Outing Sponsor to be determined.

---

## ***September 27 Nehalem River - Cancelled***

---

## ***October 4 Crooked River Outing***

On October 4, we will fish the Crooked River south of Prineville. You can stay at any of the several campgrounds, you can stay at a motel in Prineville, or you can just make it a long day trip from home. All fishing is walk and wade style. Most of the club normally stay at Cobble Rock Campground while those with larger RVs prefer to stay at Chimney Rock. To get there, drive Highway 22 east to Sisters, turn left onto Highway 126 on the east edge of Sisters and follow it through Redmond to Prineville, turn right (south) at the Bowman Dam (Highway 17) sign in the middle of Prineville, and follow it about 17 miles to Cobble Rock campground – Chimney Rock is just prior to Cobble Rock. All campsites are first come, first served.

Suggested gear is a 4-6 weight rod with floating line or a Euro nymph outfit. Nymphs will probably be the most effective and include midge pupa, pheasant tails, hare's ears, etc. fished close to the bottom. Soft hackles may also be effective. Dry flies and emergers include blue wing olives, midges, caddis, and PMDs. Fly sizes normally are small, often in the size 16-20 range. Wading staffs are highly recommended since the rocks are uneven and slippery. Check the weather forecast for potential cold weather as it tends to get chilly at night.

The club will provide delicious protein in the form of Tri Tip so feel free to bring a side dish. The club will also provide water but you are responsible for any other beverages. The club meal is at Chimney Rock Campground at 1:30 pm. Specific campsite location will be sent later.

The outing sponsor is Ricky Love and he can be contacted at [rickylove20@aol.com](mailto:rickylove20@aol.com) for any questions.

## ***Chef Mort's Corner: The Hundred-Forty-Seven Dollar Cup of Chowder***



I could run food cost on that damn clam chowder as fast as anyone. You tally up the gear, the gas, the clam gun, the shovels and the lunch, the beer and the book, and there you go.

That very first cockle clam was too easy. It was just lying in the sand at my feet. It might as well been a black pearl for all it cost. Let me see, (I once made a honest living doing this kind of stuff), you divide the cost of product by the assumed sale price and there you go, food cost. Good thing I didn't get into rocket surgery or whatever.

Well, anyway you get the point. I don't see any future here in clam digging for me. I am just too lazy. I need that clam to knock on my front door, let itself in and crawl up on the counter, clean itself and then jump into the chowder pot all on its own free will. And don't interrupt me while I am watching my game. I am not interested in hearing about your tiny bi-valve existential crises. Call your mom, she has to listen.

Netarts Bay was the scene of more raking than any person should ever have to perform. As far as the eye could see, rakers attempting to rake up clams! An old family friend, Dr. Jerry, once related a tenet that would become a creed for the Morton males. This advice came on a rafting trip on the Deschutes River, somewhere after surviving White Horse while wringing out every article of clothing we owned, Dr. Jerry was heard muttering these gems of knowledge his father had once shared with him, "Never buy a tool with a handle on it my son, lest you become tempted to use it." A sip of cold beer, belch, followed by, further sage wisdom, "You can marry more money in ten minutes than you can make in a lifetime, son. Rich women need love too. Pass me those chips."

These words of wisdom now passed ominously through my clam digging head as I peeled back clothing like a cheap stripper at closing time. It was hot digging out there just me and my one lonely clam. I may need a medical extraction team at this rate! Those stalwart men would of course have to brave these treacherous quicksands just to get my big soggy butt back to dry land. I can make it worthwhile for all of them. "Just go easy there with those tie downs buddy!"

And as the chopper lifts away, I scream "Hey guys, you forgot my clam!"

### **Chef Dave's famous clam chowder**

This clam chowder won a dang first place award in some back water chowder cook off! Hat's off to Chef Dave for the patience he showed after all my kibitzing.

After extensive interviews on what clam chowder required to be considered top shelf and after much debate and deep rumination, the definitive ingredient became obvious. Now wait for it, drum roll please... CLAMS! That's right! Use a bunch of clams!

Potatoes along with some diced onions, celery and milk and you too can enter the pantheon halls of the King of Clam Chowder! Maybe just leave the clamming part to the pros.

#### ***You will need.***

A couple pounds of peeled and diced potatoes in a pot of moderately salted water.

While potatoes are simmering dice a couple of celery ribs and a white onion, set aside.

Dice a couple strips of bacon or, better, salt pork, set aside.

Drain potatoes when firm but cooked and reserve potato water.

2-3 anchovy filets.

Cook bacon or fat back in a chowder pot of your choice and as the pork renders add onions and celery and mash in anchovy filets. ( I have known cooks who shred a little carrot into the pot at this time.)

Sauté until the onions and celery are translucent and the anchovies are dissolved. Augment the remaining fat with a couple tablespoons of vegetable oil and a couple tablespoons of all-purpose flour. You are making a roux in the same pan mixed with your pork and vegetables.

This is an old technique, and I mean old. You can

accomplish the same end by just preparing a roux in a separate pan, but I like the economy of one pan and the ease of cleanup.

After about ten minutes of slow cooking your flour it should be ready to absorb some of the warm reserved potato water.

Add a couple cups of potato warm and whisk in. This thickened mixture is your clam base.

Add the juice of two cans of chopped clams. Reserve clam meat until later.

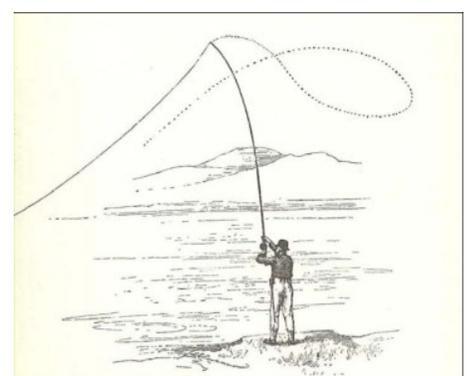
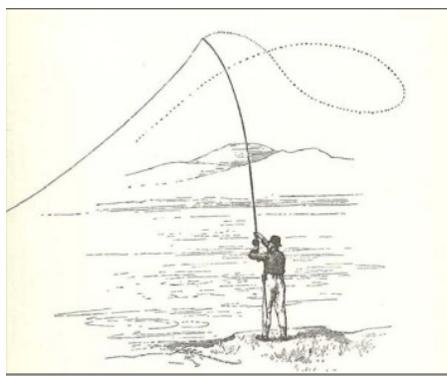
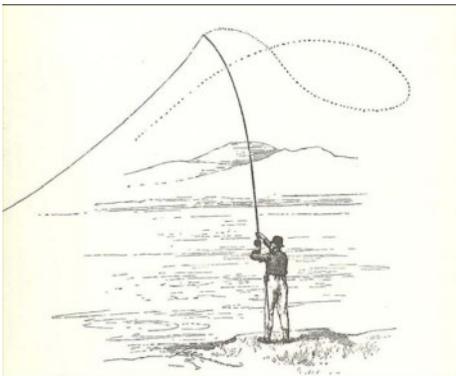
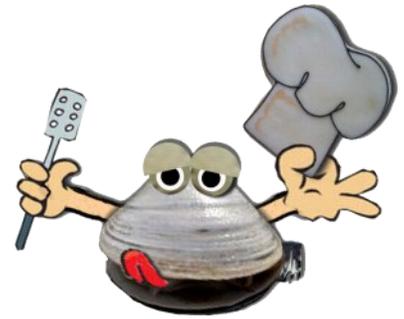
Add bay leaf and 1 and ½ tablespoons of Old Bay seasoning, a dash of Worcestershire sauce, and a couple cups of milk. Warm and add clams.

Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper and perhaps a generous dollop of butter.

If you like a thicker chowder (and I don't), you can make a slurry with a little corn starch and water and mix in until you get the texture you desire. Serve warm with crusty bread and a nice salad and you have a great little meal!

P.S. Traditionally, a few drops of sherry or vermouth just as you tuck into your bowl really highlights the charm of this traditional clam chowder!

Enjoy, Mort



## Interested in Improving Your Casting?

Teaching by certified instructors is available on Saturdays

Wallace Marine Park in West Salem

Spey Casting—9 am at the gravel bar near the walking bridge.

Single Hand—10:30 am also at the gravel bar near the walking bridge.

For more information, contact Beth at

[EJappay@comcast.net](mailto:EJappay@comcast.net)

## September 2025 Fly of the Month Hippie Stomper

By  
John Barratt



This attractor pattern was developed by a guide on the Gunnison River in Colorado. The fly's name does not reflect any animosity toward hippies but instead stems from a long running joke between Gunnison guides. The 1 mm foam can be hard to find; I purchased mine from The Hopper Store ([www.hopperfishing.com](http://www.hopperfishing.com)). Jeff Perin frequently uses a red Hippie Stomper on Central Oregon lakes.

### Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1310, Size 14 (substitute any similar wide gap hook)
Thread:	Veevus 16/0, Black
Tail:	Moose body hair, Black
Overbody:	2 layers of 1 mm foam, black on top, purple underneath
Underbody:	Holographic Flashabou
Wing:	White Polypro Yarn
Hackle:	Grizzly – Dry Fly Quality
Legs:	Fine round rubber (black or barred)

### Tying Steps:

1. Lay down a tight thread base to the hook bend (Fig 1).

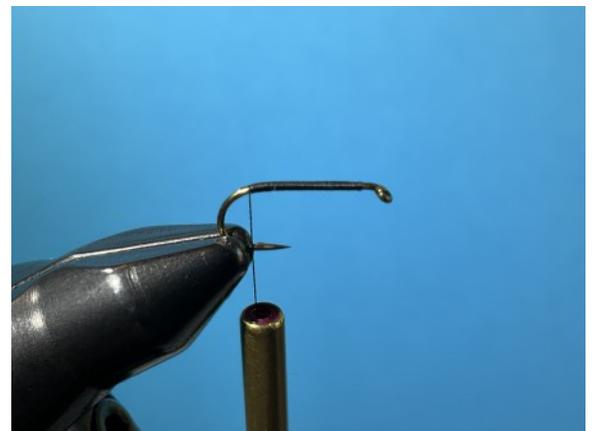


Fig. 1

2. Select a clump of moose body hair (about 15-20 fibers), clean away the fuzzy material and stack the hair. Tie in the moose hair at the bend in the hook. The tips should be about the length of the hook shank (Fig 2).



Fig. 2

3. Wrap the thread forward over the moose hair to the mid-point of the hook shank and remove the excess moose hair (Fig 3).



Fig. 3

4. Wrap the thread forward several turns to cover the butt ends of the moose hair and then wrap the thread back to the point where you tied in the moose hair. Cut a piece of black foam that is the width of the hook shank. Trim the end of the black foam so that it is slightly pointed and then tie the pointed end of the foam on the top of the hook shank (Fig 4).



Fig. 4

5. Repeat the previous step with a purple piece of foam (Fig 5).



Fig. 5

6. Advance the thread to the mid-point of the hook. Select 2 strands of holographic flashabou, loop the flashabou around the thread and tie in the flashabou strands on the top of the hook shank (Fig 6). Wrap the flashabou back to the hook bend and forward to the mid-point of the hook. Secure the flashabou with several thread wraps and trim away the excess flashabou (Fig 7).

Fig. 6



Fig. 7



7. Pull the purple foam layer forward and tie it in where the flashabou ends and then do the same with the black foam layer (Fig 8)

Fig. 8



8. Lift up the ends of the foam and wrap the thread forward until it is slightly behind the eye. Pull the purple and black foam pieces forward and tie them in about an eye width behind the hook eye. This step creates an additional segment (Fig 9).

Fig. 9



- Use thread wraps to bury the new segment of black and purple foam created in the previous step (Fig 10).



Fig. 10

- Tie in a piece of Polypro Yarn on the top of the foam segment and secure the Polypro along the length of the foam segment (Fig 11).



Fig. 11

- Cut 2 pieces of fine round rubber and attach them to either side of the foam segment to create the legs (Fig 12).



Fig. 12

- Wrap the thread to the back of the foam segment and attach a grizzly hackle feather by its base (Fig 13). Wrap the thread forward to the front of the segment and then wrap the hackle forward. Try to get at least 6 hackle wraps and then secure the tip of the hackle with thread wraps (Fig 14).



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

13. Gently lift the purple and black foam pieces away from the hook eye and advance the thread until it is just behind the eye. Apply some head cement to the thread, whip finish and cut the thread. Trim away the excess hackle. Trim the front pieces of foam slightly ahead of the hook eye. Trim the front portion of the Polypro so that it is slightly longer than the hackle. Trim the rear portion of the Polypro so that it is half the length of the foam body. Trim the legs so they are about the length of the fly body and trim the bottom of the hackle so that it fills one half of the hook gap (Fig 15).



Fig. 15

14. Some popular colors (Fig 16).



Fig. 16



# Santiam Flycasters

## 2025 Membership Form

The mission of the Santiam Flycasters is to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of every generation now and into the future. Through fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, the Santiam Flycasters can succeed in this mission.

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in flyfishing and have joined together to share their experiences and knowledge of the sport since 1975. The club was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit organization in March of 1977. The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is an affiliated club of the Fly Fishers International.

**We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)**

[www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)

Mail the completed signed form to: *The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308*, or drop it off in person at our next meeting. \*Memberships are from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no midyear discount for Life Membership.

Life membership -- \$300 Regular -- \$30 Family -- \$35

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Fly Fishers International Member? Yes No

Are you interested in obtaining an SFC Name Tag? Yes No

*You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.*

## LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name

Date